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## MORRIS PRATT'S BIRTHDAY

### Exercises Held At Gould's Academy In Observance

Owing to the Thanksgiving recess, exercises in recognition of the birthday of Morris Pratt were not observed until Dec. 11th. On that date all class exercises at the Academy were suspended at three o'clock, and teachers and pupils gathered in the Assembly Room to participate in the observance of this honored birthday.

In addition to the school there was present a large number of interested friends, who showed by their presence, not only their loyalty to the school, but their cordial sympathy with the spirit and purpose of the occasion.

A delightful program had been arranged under the direction of Mrs. J. G. Gehring, and the same was carried out in a most effective manner as follows:

Introductory Remarks, Principal F. E. Hanson.  
Song, Mrs. William J. Upson.  
Piano Solo, Mrs. W. W. Thomas.  
Song, Miss Margaret McQuaid.  
Group of Songs, Mrs. William J. Upson.  
Address, Mrs. J. G. Gehring.  
Singing, "The Lord Is My Shepherd."

Address, Hon. William W. Thomas.  
Principal Hanson sounded the key note by referring briefly to the purpose of the exercises and the uplifting influence of these annual gatherings upon the student body.

Mr. Upson is always a favorite upon a Bethel program, and his deep, rich voice never gave more pleasure than upon this occasion.

Mrs. Thomas, though a stranger within our gates, graciously consented to fill a gap in the program, and rendered a piano solo in a delightful manner. She was enthusiastically recalled, and responded with a Swedish "Song Without Words," which was greatly enjoyed.

Miss McQuaid appeared before a Bethel audience for the first time, and sang in a manner that gave pleasure to all present.

Mrs. Gehring was at her best, and her address was listened to with rapt attention. The American flag draped above the platform served to emphasize the major note of patriotism that characterized her theme. Her address is here given in full.

Since we last met to observe this beloved birthday, which was year after year kept Morris Pratt so vividly as a part of our life in this community, since I last looked into your eyes, our world is changed.

A year ago we looked across the ocean with deepest sympathy; today we, as well, are needing what we then so earnestly bestowed. Not one person here today but is or will be affected directly or indirectly by this great war which has swept us into a terrible whirlpool of misery. Your young lives are to become different because of this menace across the sea. We are not prepared as a nation for this great experience. As individuals we must prepare ourselves.

You young freeborn citizens of a great republic have taken the United States of America as you have the air you breathe, or the sunshine that falls upon you. You have never realized your privilege in being born Americans, but from henceforth you will. You will hold your position with a new reverence—if it might prevail, the love will press even more heavily upon these born free than upon those whose whole lives have been under the yoke of military despotism. I have often remarked when in Europe the absence of the joyous, hopeful, expectant expression upon young faces that seems to be the birthright of the American child. It really may be a part of the influence a Republic exerts.

I well remember standing one day looking over the Roman Forum, noting the ruins of great temples and palaces of power and saying, "Rome was once a Republic; will our own Republic of the United States ever be spoken of as a thing of the past?" There has been too many years an uneasy sense of apprehension that our country might lose its rare position; that perhaps we had been thoughtless in our generosity in opening our doors too wide. Wise souls have felt that some great development must come to make this haven of peace and hope secure and permanent. This war may be the awful rugged pathway by which the United States may evolve to become an even greater inspiration to the world: A Republic that shall lead nations by its principles, not alone by its arms.

We owe you young students some book endorsed by the high school, postpaid. With a year's achievement, Mr. C. S. Frost Association, Trust Building, Washington, D. C.

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## RED CROSS NOTES

### A large shipment of surgical dressings was sent as the work of the month of November, which received high praise from headquarters for the quality of the gauze work.

271 Christmas bags were filled and sent in November. The work was done under the supervision of Mrs. Park, Miss Hamlin and Mr. Pollard and the workers deserve the highest praise for their splendid service.

There is great need of surgical dressings and the call for them is most urgent and imperative.

We need more workers in gauze at the Red Cross rooms. Please come to help us. It has been suggested by one young man that he and others would come to work evenings if the Red Cross rooms were opened then. With the new electric lights, for which we are indebted to Mr. Springer, it is perfectly possible to work on Tuesday and Friday evenings, and the rooms will be open then if a sufficient number will volunteer to make it worth while. Your help is greatly needed and needed at once.

The following is a clipping from a New York paper:

"A serious, calamity and national disgrace are inevitable," if surgical dressings are not sent to France with all possible speed, according to a cablegram from Major Grayson M. P. Murphy, head of the American Red Cross in France, which was made public recently by headquarters here of the American Fund for French Wounded.

"Surgical dressings must be sent in millions," the cable read.

Mr. Fred A. Tibbets adds to his patriotic service by taking charge of Bethel's Red Cross Drive for new members. Soliciting is in the hands of the alert and efficient Boy Scouts. Our quota is 150 new members. So far we have not failed in anything which has been demanded of us, but have been proud and happy in exceeding our quota in every case.

Yes, we know that one wants every penny and the dust of a penny at Christmas time. This seems to many of us the saddest Christmas the world has ever seen. The one bright spot, the one thing which makes it bearable, is in the glorious spirit of self-sacrifice and desire for service everywhere manifest.

It seems as if every one must feel a sense of uplift and satisfaction in being members of such a marvelous organization as the American Red Cross. In this Christmas drive only new memberships count. But it will certainly occur to old members who wish to help the cause that they may do so by making their friends members as an expression of Christmas good-will. Especially has it been suggested, and surely the idea must appeal to many, that children and young people would in many cases appreciate the gift of a membership, and value, as one who looks back upon his own childhood will understand, being affiliated with the Red Cross.

How about making every one of those helpful Boy Scouts a member? Anyway think it over and help in every way you can. Let every house show a Red Cross Service Flag. As Roosevelt said on Sunday in speaking for the Drive at the coming week, "It may be a sacrifice but oh, what a glorious sacrifice."

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## GOULD'S ACADEMY

### Ray Parker is visiting his brother in Bath.

Edith Soper is spending the vacation with her mother in Lynn, Mass.

The basket ball game at Colebrook has been postponed to a later date.

Mrs. Keniston and family are spending the vacation with relatives in Bath.

The Academy closed Friday for a two weeks' vacation. Jan. 1 is the date of reopening. Holden Hall is also closed.

A tablet inscribed with the school motto, "To Thine Own Self Be True," has recently been hung behind the principal's desk. This tablet is the gift of the alumni.

The teachers are spending the vacation at their several homes. Miss Whitman in South Paris, Miss McQuaid in Mount Vernon, Miss Pratt in Reading, Mass., and Mr. Small in Bowdoinham.

Thursday afternoon from 2.30 to 4 the Normal classes entertained friends. There was a short program illustrating the work of the department, a Christmas tree with a remembrance for each one present. Hot chocolate and sandwiches were served by the girls. It was a most interesting and enjoyable occasion.

The basket ball girls have organized as follows: First team: Ruth Cole, captain and guard; Myrtle Becker, guard; Alma Cheney and Doris Moore, forwards; Bernice Keddy, center; Jennie Bean and Edith Cummings, substitutes. On the second team are Helen Clark, Vivian Jackson, Cleo Sweet, Pauline King.

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## GRANGE NEWS

### NEW CENTURY POMONA

New Century Pomona Grange met with Canton Grange, Wednesday with a fair attendance. The following officers were elected:

Master—John Briggs.  
Overseer—Ira T. Wing.  
Lecturer—Mrs. Mae F. Robinson.  
Secretary—Mrs. Myra Braden.  
Treasurer—A. F. Russell.

Chaplain—Mrs. Helen A. Eastman.  
Steward—Samuel Stetson.  
Asst. Steward—Winfield Mitchell.  
Gate Keeper—Winfield Cutting.  
Cores—Mrs. Ira T. Wing.  
Flora—Mrs. Estella C. Briggs.  
Flora—Miss Agnes Heald.

L. A. Steward—Miss Doris Galloup.  
Executive Committee—H. H. Richards, O. L. Varney.  
A short program followed.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Master—Guy L. Pratt.  
Overseer—Edw. Warren.  
Lecturer—Helen Abbott.  
Steward—Hollis Abbott.  
Asst. Steward—Albert Warren.  
Chaplain—Jennie Judkins.  
Treasurer—Corra Abbott.  
Secretary—Bertha Judkins.

Gate Keeper—Bennett M. Bartlett.  
Pomona—Ruth Coolidge.  
Cores—George Pratt.  
Flora—Rena Lane.  
L. A. Steward—Ethel Warren.  
Pianist—Mabel Warren.

ALDER RIVER GRANGE  
Alder River Grange held its regular meeting Wednesday evening, Dec. 12, all officers being present excepting Treasurer and Pomona. Literary program: Piano music by Miss Edna Bartlett; Singing patriotic songs, and songs from Grange Melodies by the Grange; Talk on seed saving by members; Discussion of question, "Resolved that women should have equal suffrage with men." Unanimously decided in the affirmative.

Worthy Lecturer requested all to be prepared for Christmas program at the next meeting.

On motion voted to elect officers for the year 1918 at next meeting when light refreshments will be served.

BETHEL GRANGE  
Bethel Grange held its last regular meeting Dec. 13. Owing to death in the Master's family he and his wife were unable to be present. The following officers were elected to serve for the year 1918:

Master—Byron Cummings.  
Overseer—George Hapgood.  
Lecturer—Ella Lyon.  
Asst. Steward—Charles Cole.  
Chaplain—Mae R. Bartlett.  
Treasurer—Mary Cummings.

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MRS. ST. JOHN HASTINGS  
The funeral of Mrs. St. John Hastings, who died suddenly early Monday morning was held at the Hastings home, Wednesday morning at ten o'clock.

Elizabeth Atherton Hastings was born in Waterford, March 10, 1833, the daughter of Josiah and Betsy Carter Atherton.

She was married on May 22, 1855, to St. John Hastings, who died in 1902. To them were born eight children, seven of whom are living, one daughter, Cora, having died about twenty years ago.

Those who survive her are: Miss Fannie and Major W. who have remained at the home in Bethel, Hon. H. H. Hastings of Bethel, Mrs. Chas. Kenney of Portland, Miss Maria of Auburn, Chas. H. and Miss Carrie Hastings of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Hastings passing was typical of her life. Entering the unknown with the same serenity that she met each day through a long and useful life.

That life a lesson of contentedness, for she found enjoyment in simple pleasures, her home and children and these children now call her blessed.

JACOB A. THURSTON  
Mr. Jacob A. Thurston died at his home in Mayville last Sunday morning. A more extended notice will be given next week.

WHOOPIING COUGH  
There are a number of cases of whooping cough in town and, in view of the fact that children will be gathering at the different entertainments and Christmas trees, all children who have coughs should remain at home and not mingle with other children.

BOARD OF HEALTH  
I. H. Wight, Chairman.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Services appropriate to Christmas next Sunday at 10.45 a.m.  
Sunday School at 12. It is desirable that all members of the school may be present next Sunday, then they will know about the Christmas exercises, and tree on Monday evening.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
Christmas services with Christmas music at 10.45 Sunday morning. Sunday School at 12. Christian Endeavor service at 7 in the evening. Topic, "The Christmas Spirit, Christmas Giving." A leaderless meeting, free for all.

The Tuesday evening prayer meeting met at Dec. 12, U. Purinton's.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Upson, Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

METHODIST CHURCH  
Sunday services in the Methodist church: Morning worship at 10.45 with sermon by the pastor. Subject, "The song of the Angels." Christmas music will be rendered by the choir. Sunday school at 12 with election of officers. Men's class will meet in their glass room, officers for the coming year will be elected.

Junior League at 3.00.  
Christmas exercises by the Sunday school in the evening at 7.00. All welcome.

Monday night the supper and Christmas tree for the Sunday school. The supper will be held in the men's class room. The Christmas tree will be in the auditorium.

A very interesting service took place in the church last Sunday morning when the men's bible class presented to the church a Service Flag containing 9 stars. The pastor made a short address appropriate for the occasion speaking of the young men of the Methodist church and constituency who had answered to the call of their country, and then in behalf of the class presented the flag to the church. The flag is suspended from the transept in front of the pulpit and was furled at the close of the address the congregation were asked to stand and at the signal from the pastor Allen Gott pulled the cord and as the flag unfurled the audience sang America. Three more stars will be added to the flag as soon as they arrive.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. church will hold its bi-monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Ella Jordan, Thursday evening, Dec. 20. Following is the program:

Devotional exercises and business session conducted by the President, Mohammedanism, Mrs. Springer Study Book, Chapter 2, under the Crescent and among the Krails, Mrs. Allen Jordan Reading, You Didn't Tell Me, Mrs. Tyler Clippings concerning Africa, Members Mrs. Lovejoy is leader for the evening. All women cordially invited. Come and bring your knitting.

JODREY-GOODNOW.  
Henry Sidney Jodrey of Bethel and Samantha Mason Goodnow of Gorham, N. H., were united in marriage Dec. 15 by Rev. J. H. Little, using the single ring service.

The best wishes of many friends in Bethel and Gorham are with them in their new home, the former home of Mr. Jodrey on Main street, Bethel.

MEN'S CLUB  
Dr. Geo. M. Twitcheell of Auburn will speak before the Men's Club at Bethel Inn on Wednesday evening, Dec. 26. His subject will be "Home Gardening" and a very interesting talk is assured.

FEMALE HELP WANTED.  
Wanted—applications for positions as clerks in our subscription department from girls with a fair to good education. If your application is accepted, you will be started at \$7 a week and will be raised just as rapidly and just as high as your work justifies. There is no salary limit with us. You will, if you choose, be given a chance to learn typing, stencil cutting, letter writing and other jobs at which extra good pay can be earned and you will have a direct line of advancement open to you to the highest positions in the establishment. Our publishing business holds a bright future for ambitious girls who are willing to work—and if you are such a girl we hope you will write us. We shall be pleased to send you free our illustrated booklet "Working for COMFORT." This will give you an idea of the place, the work and the future it offers. Then, if you like the prospects here, you can put in your application. May not write today for this booklet to W. H. Cassatt, Publishing Department, C. C. Augusta, Me. 12-13-17.

## WANT COLUMN.

### Put your Want and Sale notices here and they will be read in 5,000 Oxford County homes—4 lines, 1 week, 25c. 3 weeks 50c.

NOTICE  
I wish to announce to the people of Bethel and vicinity that I am prepared to do all kinds of plumbing and repair work at a reasonable price, also sheet metal work. All work carefully and promptly attended to.

ALBERT BURKE,  
Bethel, Maine.  
Telephones—Shop, 19-12; Res., 29-7

FURNISHED ROOMS  
AUTO AND TEAM CONVEYANCE  
C. C. BRYANT,  
Bethel, Maine.  
Telephone Connection.

H. E. LITTLEFIELD,  
AUTO AND HORSE LIVERY,  
Day or Night Service,  
Bethel, Maine.  
Telephone

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SHOES

MOCCASINS  
for ladies' and gent's  
SLIPPERS

BOSTON GARTERS

LIGHT & HEAVY STOCKINGS

SPATS

SNOW SHOE SANDALS

FELT SHOES

REPAIRING

YOUNG'S SHOE STORE  
Phone 14-1.

DR. AUSTIN TENNEY, Oculist.  
Practice limited to diseases of the Eye and the fitting of glasses. Office at house of Clarence Hall, Bethel. All work guaranteed.  
Office hours—9.30 A. M. to 4.00 P. M.

FOUND  
A stray Holstein buller about 3 yrs. old. Owner can have same by proving property and paying charges.  
C. G. BECKLER,  
12-20 Albany, Maine.

BUY WHILE THE BUYING IS GOOD.  
See what we have for you this Week:



# YOU WILL HAVE A Merry Christmas

If You Buy Useful Gifts This Year

**IT'S TRUE ECONOMY** if you spend your Christmas money for something to wear or something for the home. **ANY HOUSEKEEPER** will appreciate Towels, Napkins, Table Linens, Bed Spreads, Blankets, Rugs or Curtains.

**ANY GIRL OR WOMAN** will be pleased with clothes. New Furs, Waists, Neckwear, Gloves, Muslin Underwear or Silk Hose.

Make this your shopping center and plan to visit our store every time you are out shopping. Meet your friends here or leave your parcels.

## LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S COATS

All of our coats MARKED DOWN. They are the higher priced ones and some sample coats. Savings of from \$3.00 to \$8.00.

WOOLTEX COATS will wear and look well several seasons, all lined and interlined, pure wool materials, fast colors. \$22.45 and \$24.75 coats now \$19.75.

ANOTHER LOT of good coats, some of them were \$17.75 and \$19.75, now on sale at \$14.95.

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## SILK AND FINE SERGE DRESSES

Some of the better grades MARKED DOWN. Heavy satins in Taupe, Navy, Black, Brown. Come in and try them on to see them to advantage. Prices now \$8.75, \$9.95, \$11.45, \$12.45 and up to \$19.75.

FANCY DRESS SKIRTS in dark plaids, medium sizes, good quality serge, \$4.95.

FINE POPLIN AND SERGE SKIRTS in navy, black, green, brown, made with pocket, plaids, belt of material, all sizes to show at \$4.75.

SILK PETTICOATS of fine soft taffeta, in a color to match any gown, deep flounces with under ruffle, special values, \$4.95.

Heatherbloom and fine sateen petticoats for common wear, fast black, \$8.00, \$1.50, \$1.95.

BATH ROBES for women, beautiful colorings of rose, pink, blue, gray, tan, all sizes, some plain braid trimmed, others with satin bands, \$2.95, \$3.95, \$4.95.

BATH ROBE BLANKETS, large enough to make any size robe for man or woman, dark colors, each has cord and tassels. \$1.95 to \$4.95.

HOUSE DRESSES made of ginghams and percales, good variety of dark and light patterns. Same quality materials as the \$2.00 dress for spring, now \$1.50.

FLANNELETTE KIMONOS, good heavy fleeced goods, pink, blue, tan, full length, \$1.25 to \$1.95.

## DAINTY SILK AND MUSLIN UNDERWEAR

Packed in Christmas Boxes. CORSET COVERS of fine muslin and lace insertions, each in holly box, all sizes, 60c.

CAMISOLES of wash satin and crepe de chene, flesh colors and white lace top, 98c and \$1.25.

SILK ENVELOPE CHEMISES, flesh color, dainty lace and embroidery yokes in front and back, specials, \$1.95, \$2.95, \$3.95.

MAINSACK ENVELOPES, a dozen styles to select from, white and flesh color, fine lace or embroidery trimmed, 85c, 95c, \$1.50, \$1.95.

WHITE SKIRTS, deep, full flounce of wide Hamburg, dust ruffle, each in a holly box, any length, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.95.

## SWEET GRASS BASKETS

They are very convenient for shopping or for work baskets. New lot just from the "Old Town Indians." Several shapes, 50c to \$2.45.

## UMBRELLAS

These make a gift for man or woman that will last several seasons. Some good values now \$1.50, \$1.50 up to \$4.95.

## SILK STOCKINGS

Holeproof Brand guaranteed, white or black, \$1.00. BERKSHIRE BRAND, black, white and colors, 50c and \$1.25.

CASHMERE HOSE, fine yarns, fast black, 65c.

## CARTER'S UNION SUITS

PINK HEAVY COTTON, any style sleeve or neck, perfect fitting, \$1.50.

BERKSHIRE UNION SUITS, fleeces lined, several weights, 55c, \$1.25, \$1.50.

## BARGAINS IN RUGS

You will do well to see our line, good assortment of sizes. Prices way below the real values today. Axminster Rugs at \$1.25 to \$4.50.

## BED BLANKETS

This is another line that is marked very low. They are in white, gray, tan, plaid. Prices \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 up to \$8.45.

## BATH TOWELS

These make excellent gifts, especially with an initial or monogram worked on them. They come in pink, blue, green, lavender, 25c, 42c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00.

## DRESS GOODS AND SILKS

A dress or waist pattern will make a gift to please any lady. Fine serges, poplin, in the right shades for dresses, 75c to \$2.00.

Satins, Poplins in plaids and stripes, \$1.00 to \$2.00 yard.

## JEWELRY

Big assortment of Pins, Hat Pins, Cuff Links, Bracelets, Beauty Pins, Barrettes, many styles copies from more expensive jewelry, 25c and 50c.

## WOOL GLOVES

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S sizes in black and colors. Heavy warm gloves, 42c, 50c, 75c.

GAUNTLET GLOVES of wool, white, gray, red, green, gold, rose, for skating and snow shoeing, 75c and \$1.00.

## HANDKERCHIEFS

This is a gift that every one will appreciate. We bought our LINEN handkerchiefs a year ago, so as to have our assortment complete this Christmas.

We have handkerchiefs for every one, 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c, 75c.

## NECKWEAR

The new Jabot Stock made from oriental laces or plain net, are very stylish just now. Everybody will want one, 50c, \$1.00, \$1.50.

FLAT COLLARS in Georgette, crepe de chene and fine organdie. Cuff and collar sets, 25c, 50c, \$1.00.

## GLOVES

Kid gloves are easy to send by mail to friends away. WASH CAPE GLOVES, wear well and look well. Colors are black, tan, gray, white, price \$1.75 and \$2.00.

## INFANT WEAR

No gift will please the mother more than something for the little tots.

Dainty mainsack dresses, either long or short, 3 months to 4 year sizes, 25c, 50c, 98c, up to \$1.95.

BONNETS, any material you would wish, silk, poplin, bear skin, velvets, knit ones, 25c, 50c, 75c.

KNIT SACQUES, Sweaters, Socks, 25c to 98c.

SWEATER SETS include sweater, leggings, cap, mittens, colors are blue, gray, red, brown, white, \$2.95.

GIRLS' DRESSES of dark gingham and serges, sizes 3 to 14 years, serges \$2.95 to \$4.95, gingham dresses, 50c to \$1.95.

## CHRISTMAS SHIRT WAISTS

FINE JAP SILK in white and light colors, high or turn back collar, tailored or ruffle front, a dozen styles, at \$1.00.

FRENCH VOILE WAISTS made with fine tucks, of dainty lace insertion, high necks and low necks, dressy and serviceable, \$1.95, \$2.95, \$3.95.

WASH SATIN WAISTS very dressy for now. They are white and quite tailored, Georgette and crepe de chene waists for dressy wear, white and the light shades, \$3.95, \$4.95 up to \$7.45.

## LEATHER GOODS AND NOVELTIES

Purses and hand bags make excellent gifts that will be used nearly every day for years.

SMALL PURSES OR POCKET BOOKS are very good for this year, 50c, \$1.00, \$1.50.

HAND BAGS in a host of shapes and leathers, leather or silk lined, double lock tops, a shape you will like, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and up to \$4.95.

## BETHEL AND VICINITY.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Swan were in Lewiston, Monday.

Mr. I. L. Carver was a business visitor in Boston, Thursday.

Miss Mildred Bosserman was in Portland one day last week.

Mr. I. H. Wight and daughter, Vivian, were in Berlin, Monday.

Mr. N. E. Richardson was a business visitor in Norway, Thursday.

Miss Ola Hutchins of New York is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Frank Bartlett.

Mr. Gard Goddard came home Friday for a five days' furlough from Fort Ethan Allen.

Mrs. C. L. Davis is ill at her home on High street and Mrs. Annie Emery is caring for her.

Mrs. R. E. L. Farwell and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Bartlett are attending State Grange in Lewiston.

Mrs. Beale Sloan has completed her duties at Mr. Ceylon Rowe's and Mrs. Hubbard has taken her place.

Mr. Charles Tuell went to New York last week to take the necessary examination to enter the U. S. service.

Mrs. Chas. Atherton and granddaughter, Evangeline, left for their home in Gorham, Saturday, to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Burke, who have been visiting Mrs. Burke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adams at So. Paris, returned home, Sunday.

Mrs. E. L. Arno went to Montville, Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. C. B. Cushman, and family.

Miss Ethel Hammond is spending the Christmas vacation from her school in So. Portland with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Skillings.

Miss Maria Robertson closed her home Tuesday and left for Augusta where she will spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. G. A. Robertson.

Mrs. Foster and daughter, Hattie, have closed their home on Vernon street and are spending the winter at Mr. Baker's on Sunday River.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Howe of East Bethel are being congratulated on the birth of a son Dec. 12. Mrs. Carrie Swan of Norway is caring for Mrs. Howe.

Mrs. Lovisa Philbrook went to her home in Greene, Me., Thursday for a two weeks' vacation. Miss Anna Pingree is taking her place at Mr. Ceylon Rowe's during her absence.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Frost of Kingfield are pained to know that their daughter, Marjorie, is quite seriously ill from the effects of a severe illness of diphtheria, which she suffered several weeks ago.

Christmas exercises at the Universalist church, Monday evening, Dec. 24. There will be a free supper at 6.15 for all the members of the Sunday school and Parish and all church attendants. Will all who have not been solicited, please bring food. Following the supper there will be a short program of recitations and music and distribution of gifts from the trees. The committee for the trees will be at the church any time after 2.30 to receive the gifts.

Mr. Harry King was a business visitor in So. Paris, Thursday.

Mr. Roger Sloan is assisting in Mr. E. P. Lyon's store during the holidays.

Mr. J. H. Stuart of South Paris was a business visitor in town the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thayer are moving to South Paris, where Mr. Thayer has employment.

Judge A. E. Herrick and E. C. Park, Esq., attended Probate Court at South Paris, Tuesday.

Mr. Charles L. Pollard left on Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays in New York City.

Mr. I. L. Carver has enlisted and went to New York, Wednesday, to take the necessary examination.

Mrs. Hattie Hubbard of Paris was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Fred M. Wood, a few days last week.

## WILSON'S MILLS

Mrs. Newell Littlehale and granddaughter, Lucy Jane, are at J. W. Buckman's again, after a few weeks spent at P. J. Littlehale's.

Mrs. Horace Bennett has got her affairs arranged at home and is making a short visit with her son at the Axicon House before going to Lewiston, where she expects to spend the rest of the winter with her daughter, Mrs. A. H. McGibbon. C. T. Fox will stay at the Bennett farm to care for the cattle and horses.

Clifford Nason came down from Watata, Monday for mail, returning Wednesday accompanied by J. P. Hart and Demont Fox who planned to hunt a few days but Mr. Hart was called home Thursday by the illness of his wife but succeeded in getting a fine buck on his way home. Mrs. W. H. Hart was caring for Mrs. Hart, but as she is better Mrs. W. H. was able to return home Saturday.

Mrs. P. C. Ripley has a bad case of the grip and her daughter, Lena, has tonsillitis. Dr. Jones of Colebrook was called to see them, Friday.

Had colds are prevalent in this vicinity.

Leah Hart is hauling hay for the Berlin Mills Co., at Vashaw's camp.

Norman Meloy has moved his family from the Littlehale farm into the Edgar Bennett rent.

Miss Josephine LeBlanc finished her term of school here and has gone to Canton to care for her sister, Mrs. R. H. Ripley. Lester Littlehale carried her to Berlin.

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## THE CHRISTMAS PR

Are we spoiling our children by giving them so much? Have the honest friends delight in the commercial Christmas presents we allowed the keeping of to become an obligation and place of an opportunity for many of us spend more time for our children; we criticism of our acquaintances not wish the presents of children; and often far beyond our means and children by our extravagance become unreasonable in the and hand in their Christmas with no regard to the parent and they have an assurance will get what they want. I teach our children that Christmas time for happiness and joy a time for buying things that not afford. One mother writes children have become so in their demands for Christmas, that we have decided presents, but to keep the festival, to make it a time of mirth and unselfish pleasure, to make it a day to be looked to with eager anticipation, joyed wholeheartedly; we resurrect the Christmas-gaming, overflowing spirit of joy; we want our children to look forward to the Christmas and not in a jolly self-assured, to be looking forward to a not afford to buy. Many of sympathy with those who wish back the sweet, old, traditional observances. Our Christmas is not measured by we have or have not, but that makes the occasion right spirit we bring to it. Good create a good time. We all plan to bring joy to the cheerer privilege is ours than children are easily made to not what we give them, as what we do for them, that in gratification. Why not make by by our sympathy, our in what interests them, give pie gifts, and not spoil them presents we can not afford. and good will is found in celebration; bearing upper happy, joyous spirit of children should be the guiding spirit mas. It would be better for we could revive the old fashion circle, with common in common amusements. Let Christmas joy be shaded with onness of buying beyond of Simplicity and sincerity



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## THE HOME CIRCLE

**Pleasant Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as they Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.**

### THE CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

Are we spoiling our children by extravagant giving? Have we allowed the honest fireside delights of Christmas to pass away and installed the commercial Christmas present? Have we allowed the keeping of Christmas to become an obligation and burden, in place of an opportunity for happiness? Many of us spend more than we can afford for our children; we dread the criticism of our acquaintances, we do not wish the presents of our children overshadowed by the presents of other people's children; and often we do go far beyond our means and spoil our children by our extravagance. Children become unreasonable in their demands, and hand in their Christmas orders with no regard to the parent's income, and they have an assurance that they will get what they want. It is time to teach our children that Christmas is a time for happiness and rejoicing, not a time for buying things that we cannot afford. One mother writes:—"Our children have become so extravagant in their demands for Christmas presents, that we have decided to buy no presents, but to keep the Christmas festival, to make it a time of joy and mirth and unselfish pleasure. We want to make it a day to be looked forward to with eager anticipation, to be enjoyed wholeheartedly; we are going to resurrect the Christmas games; the bubbling, overflowing spirit of mirth and joy; we want our children to be looking forward to the Christmas festival, and not in a lordly self-assertive manner, to be looking forward to gifts we cannot afford to buy." Many of us are in sympathy with those who wish to bring back the sweet, old, traditional Christmas observances. Our Christmas happiness is not measured by the money we have or have not, but the quality that makes the occasion rich is the spirit we bring to it. Good will will create a good time. We all work and plan to bring joy to the children; no dearer privilege is ours than this; our children are easily made happy; it is not what we give them, as much as what we do for them, that insures their gratification. Why not make them happy by our sympathy, our cooperation in what interests them, give them simple gifts, and not spoil them by buying presents we cannot afford. The peace and good will is found in the family celebration; hearing uppermost that happy, joyous spirit of childhood which should be the guiding spirit of Christmas. It would be better for us all if we could revive the old fashioned family circle, with common interest and common amusements. Let not our Christmas joy be shaded by the seriousness of buying beyond our means. Simplicity and sincerity are worth

striving for, and my Christmas wish is, that each of us may have a simple sincere and happy Christmas.

### Home Christmas.

Gift making in the home is one of the most gracious features of Christmas, and I pray it may survive all other out-grown customs. When we have as our close counselors, love and sympathy, we will not leave out of our child's stocking the little thing he has set his heart upon possessing. Sometimes it is beyond us to gratify a child's wish, then we can explain to him that he can not have a gift that costs so much money, and we can make an effort to find something as near to the original desire as possible. Often we convert the Christmas season into a sort of convenient affair for ourselves, giving the child the needed clothing that he never accepts in his heart as Christmas presents. I think it is a poverty stricken soul which does not throw itself heartily into the work of helping forward the good time the young mind accepts with gratitude. The children have their own little plans and ideas, and they want our sympathy, our companionship and hearty cooperation in what interests them. An example of true interest and sympathy is not lost upon children; they are willing to reciprocate and live up to their little knowledge if they have the opportunity, and a part of the great pleasure in life is to encourage in our children the same generosity and kindness we cultivate in ourselves. Fresh, unspoiled natures that have not been hardened by embittered experiences learn to be kind, sympathetic and generous. I like the traditional Christmas tree, we always had one in my childhood home, and through all these years the memory of them has been a pleasure and satisfaction, and I bless the dear hearts and the willing hands that were always so cheerfully ready to give us pleasure. Nothing was too much for my father and mother to do for their six children; there was no grumbling, no complaining, but a happiness to them to do anything necessary for our comfort and pleasure. Now, when we talk of the good times we had in the old home, the extra work that mother and father did that we might have a "good-time world," my mother, who is now eighty-five years of age, will say:—"We never did one thing we didn't want to do; it was all such happiness to us." I love the sweet old traditional observance of Christmas day. If parents, with or without money, have the good will they will create a good time for the children.—S. B.

### After Christmas.

Very soon it will be the week after Christmas, and it will be a formidable thing to encounter. There are the ribbons that tied the packages, the Christmas cards, the wreaths of boxes; then so many gifts that are mislaid; what can be done with them? And the children's toys! they are tired of them now, just a week after Christmas; then so many of them wouldn't work as they thought they would. We sent so many

gifts that we know were not appreciated; and there were so many expecting presents whom we forgot; and we spent so much more money than we could afford, and we face the New Year in debt for Christmas presents. We are tired; the depleted nerves and the over excitement of it all leads us to pause and ask, "Is it worth while?" Does the Christmas balance sheet show a plus quantity on the credit side? Let us all consider a sane Christmas. Why should we make Christmas a sad affair of barter and exchange.—G. D.

Word and Works.

### EAST BETHEL

Mrs. Lucetta Bean has returned from Norway.

Mrs. Elta Bartlett has gone to Berlin, N. H., for several weeks, the guest of relatives there.

Robert and William Hastings are at home from Gould's Academy for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. Guy Bartlett has taken the contract of Day and Billings to cut and haul on the river bank all the birch, pine and pulp on the timberland of the Summer Magill farm recently sold.

Miss Edna Bartlett, grammar, and Miss Elhel Cole, primary, closed their school here, Dec. 17, with a very interesting Christmas entertainment, handsomely decorated Christmas trees attended by Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and a very pleasing program was presented in each room. By written invitation in verse several mothers and friends very much enjoyed it all. Program in Miss Bartlett's room as follows:

Song, "This Christmas," School

Recitation, "Same To You—Plus—," School

Recitation, "The Shepherd's Story," Glenvee Cole

Song, "Bethlehem Babe," School

Recitation, "In Trouble," James Burhoe

Poem, "Little Town of Bethlehem," School

Song, "Christmas Bells," School

Recitation, "Christmas Tink," School

Recitation, "Santa Claus," James Quigley

Recitation, "Christmas Coming," Winnie Burhoe

Song, "Merry Christmas Bells," Five Children

Recitation, "The Week Before Xmas," Ruthie Holt

Recitation, "The Young Soldier," Othello Reed

Singing, "Luther's Cradle Hymn with Tableaux," Seven Pupils

Recitation, "A Gift To Santa," Three Girls

Recitation, "The Longest Night," Elsie Swan

Recitation, "Santa," Roger Swan

Dialogue, "Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus," Program in Miss Cole's room:

Song, "Little New Year," Sadie Burhoe

Recitation, "Christmas Aerobic," Nine Children

Song, "Three Stockings," Glendon and Ethel Hutchins

Recitation, "Santa's Reproof," Stanley Swan

A Suggestion, Repeating the 100th Psalm, School

Song, "Forest Party," Glendon Hutchins

Recitation, "In the Toe, Four Children

Song, "Santa Claus," Glendon Hutchins

Recitation, "It Pays," Iva Bartlett

Song, "Santa Claus," Four Children

Recitation, "A New Mary," Ethel Hutchins

Dramatization, "Twelve Night Before Christmas," Herbert Burhoe, Fred Haines

Recitation, "The Easter Way," Herbert Burhoe, Fred Haines

Song, "Will Santa Come," Ethel Hutchins

Play, "The Mouse's Joke," Mother, Clair Swan

John, Stanley Swan.

Margaret, Ethel Hutchins.

Dolly, Iva Bartlett.

Santa Claus, Ray Thompson.

Mouse, Glendon Hutchins.

Singing, Yankee Doodle.

Raymond Bartlett

A Christmas pie was served to all the pupils who "stuck in a thumb and pulled out an orange."

Both rooms were handsomely decorated with Christmas bells and hand colored drawings, pictures, etc., all showing much diligent work of the teachers and pupils and much interest in the school work of Miss Bartlett and Miss Cole who are greatly interested in their chosen occupation, and delight in making their school an average standard.

### UPTON

Harry Crocker sold his piano, with piano attachment, music cabinet and some sixty rolls of music to Upton Orange.

Ed. Warren has Charles Chase's horse for the winter.

Harry Coolidge, Odrie Jodkins, Scott Coolidge, Jim Barnett, and Ed. Warren are at Bethel and vicinity, sealing.

Mabel Warren is at Miss Lane's, helping with the housework.

Owing to bad travelling there were not many out of town people at the auction at H. L. Crocker's, but some very fine articles were sold, and a lunch of sandwiches, coffee, cookies, doughnuts and cheese was served.

George Deering assisted by Dana Brooks has put up, boarded and shingled an annex to the Orange Hall.

Albert Warren is driving team for Charles Akers at Bethel.

## CANTON

Charles E. Hollis, who is seriously ill of erysipelas, in the face, is somewhat better.

The Universalist Society have hired Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes of Buckfield as their pastor for another year.

John Lavorgna went to Portland last week and enlaid. He is now at Fort Williams.

W. E. Dresser is confined to his bed by illness.

The annual inspection of Evergreen Chapter, No. 24, O. E. S., was held Wednesday evening, the inspecting officer being Mrs. Cora M. Charles, D. D. G. M., of Fryeburg. The work was accomplished in a most satisfactory manner. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting and a short entertainment enjoyed. Mrs. Charles was a guest of the Worthy Matron, Miss Abbie C. Bicknell, while in town.

The next meeting of the Universalist Circle will be held with Mrs. Mabelle G. Gilman instead of at the vestry as planned.

Miss Elva Woodward is ill with the measles.

The Pine Tree Club met Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Marion A. Smith. The roll call was answered by naming some woman monarch, past or present. "Training for Citizenship" was led by Mrs. M. A. Smith. A paper, "Queen Elizabeth of England, a Woman Who Ruled," Miss Nellie Nichols. "The Christmas Tree and the Community Spirit," from the Bay View Magazine was read by Miss Lida Allen, followed by current events. An interesting guessing game and light refreshments followed. The next meeting will be held on Dec. 29 at the home of Mrs. Smith.

Miss Mary L. Richardson is visiting Mrs. Frank Irish of East Poru.

The entertainment which was advertised for Friday evening for the benefit of the Red Cross was postponed on account of the severe storm.

Alfred Cushman Corlies of Hartford and Miss Adeline Frances Copeland of Whitman, Mass., were united in marriage Dec. 11 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer P. Copeland, at Whitman. Mr. and Mrs. Corlies will be at home at Hartford after Jan. 1st.

Winfield S. Ingersoll, who has been foreman of a corn shop at Newport, was in town, Wednesday. Mr. Ingersoll has been chosen as foreman of the Canton corn factory and will soon move his family here. John K. Forhan, who has had charge of this factory for a long period of years, has been promoted to district superintendent and will have a number of factories under his supervision. Mr. and Mrs. Forhan contemplate moving to Portland in the spring.

No sale will be held at the church vestry as planned for next Thursday.

Miss Lida Allen, who has been a teacher in the Canton schools, will teach in Rumford the coming year.

Albert Spaulding of the U. S. cruiser Maumee, is at home on tea days' furlough.

Evergreen Chapter, O. E. S., elected officers Tuesday evening as follows:

W. M.—Miss Florence Childs.

A. M.—Miss Agnes Heald.

W. P.—John Briggs.

Conductress—Mrs. Cora B. Fuller.

Associate Cond.—Mrs. Merle Davis.

Secretary—Mrs. Clara Mendall.

Treasurer—Mrs. Velda Bicknell.

Finance Committee—Mrs. Martha Childs, Miss A. C. Bicknell, Caleb E. Mendall.

The installation of officers will occur Jan. 8. No meeting will be held on Christmas Day.

L. O. Varney of Sumner has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Briggs.

Miss Dorothy Dumas of Spring street has been a guest of Miss Eleanor Westgate.

L. B. Smith is quite poorly.

### LOOKER'S MILLS

C. B. Tebbeta was in South Paris on business, Tuesday.

Mrs. W. B. Rand is gaining slowly from her recent operation.

Chas. Cummings is in town calling on friends before going to South Andover for Tebbeta Co.

Charles Farrington was in Lewiston, Thursday.

Edith Fiske visited with relatives in Norway, Saturday.

Amos King was home from West Paris the week end.

Walter Maxlin has been very sick. He is reported as gaining.

Harold King was out of town, Saturday.

Leater Varney was at his home in North Buckfield a few days last week.

Wesley Kimball's family are entertaining the nuns.

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## FOOD CONSERVATION AND HIGH PRICES.

Prepared by Howard B. Green, D. D., Representative Religious Trust U. S. Food Administration, Washington.

"Why doesn't the Food Administration bring down the high prices?" Well, ask another question—Why aren't there two million United States soldiers in France and Italy today, fighting at the front and driving the Hun on the run towards Berlin? Because both take time, thorough preparation, and in case of food prices much voluntary cooperation. But something is being done every day, and to lower the cost of living wherever it is possible is one of the prime aims of the Food Administration, which has already kept the prices of many staples from going much higher. Flour might easily have been twice its present price per barrel if the Food Administration had not established a fair price for wheat and limited flour millers' profits. Sugar would almost certainly have gone soaring if speculation had not been stopped. Then, some prices have been lowered. Flour has fallen substantially below the August prices. Speculation in Cuban sugar has been stopped, saving an excellent price though not securing a sufficient supply. This temporary shortage would have meant a large advance in price had not the Food Administration secured a voluntary agreement from the producers of cane and

beet sugar. Do not forget these facts because beefsteak is out of reach, sugar still higher than one could wish, and many have to live more largely on hope than they like to.

Remember also that the Food Administration has no direct control over the retail trade, save where it does an annual business of \$100,000 or more. That explains why, when the price of beef at the packer's door was 14.5 cents a pound, in October, as compared with 16 cents in July, the average price of round steak in 798 cities was 31 cents a point against 27 in July, showing that while the wholesale price decreased the retail price increased. Public sentiment, community cooperation, must take that in hand.

How about a shortage of sugar, making it difficult in some places to get any? Well, the Food Administration long ago pointed out what was coming, and made the simple request that our people should save seven ounces a week per person, in order to give our Allies what they must have and supply what we need ourselves. If this had been done, or should now be done, our ration of sugar per person per year would be 67 pounds, while the English have to be content with 34 and the French and Italians with 12. Aren't we willing to share with those who are fighting for us, with the enemy on their territory?

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## MORRIS PRATT'S BIRTHDAY

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Knowledge of existing conditions, for one who has lived in Bethel since he can not easily imagine what life would be like down in a coal mine; what others less fortunate than ourselves have been meeting for generations across the ocean.

A highly educated Russian lady said to me years ago, "You do not know what it means to be an American citizen; I know how to love the Stars and Stripes as you never can. I am a far truer American than you, for you know a convert is always an enthusiast, and I adore this country of my adoption." This cultivated woman was called from Russia for expressing political principles which are now being earnestly advocated by the Russians today who are struggling for real liberty; she was not even allowed to meet her mother at the frontier, after travelling the long journey from America to Russia, and after an absence of seven years.

In an artist's studio in Washington I once stood admiring a superb portrait of two Russian boys. The artist, seeing my interest, came to me, and with a fire in his eyes and a passion in his voice I have never seen or heard equalled said, "Americans! My sons are Americans! I came to the United States to save those boys from becoming Austrian targets."

Karl Bitter the famous sculptor, whose untimely death the country deplores, and who dearly loved Bethel, told us of his escape from Austria when a very young man and of his arrival in New York, poor and alone, but triumphant in having freed himself from Austrian military servitude.

On a steamer twenty five years ago bound for Europe, we met a most cultivated and altogether charming German lady. With her was a little baby son whose she was taking back to her German family. This far-seeing mother came across the ocean to have her child born under the Stars and Stripes, and with intense feeling proudly said, "My son is an American citizen! He could even become the President of the United States!"

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The German children reflect the military spirit in a painful way. A courteous little white-faced boy of eleven years confided to my young son that his studies were so many; the standards so difficult, the teachers so harsh, and his foot so aching that he wished he could die. I well remember looking from a hotel window in Bremen on a dismal rainy morning and seeing throngs of school-children with little knapsacks on their backs going through the lamp-lighted streets of that dark northern winter to their schools, at seven in the morning.

Berlin has had every year an appalling number of child suicides! The principles upon which Germany has been building these many years ruthlessly drive the weak out of existence.

A brilliant German girl, daughter of an officer, said with a dreadful bitterness, "There is but one merciful thing to do to a girl born in Germany—drive her to birth."

Such are some of the conditions prevailing in the countries now at war. To help rescue the nations fighting to escape such bondage and to secure our freedom from a similar fate that would forever darken our lives and those of future generations, we are giving our sons to this long dreadful struggle, wherein sacrifice is the only factor of which we may be sure.

The Flag means to the mothers of our nation of this generation what it has never meant before. The Stars are stripes of pain, its Stars are often drenched with tears, but it floats high above our fears and we believe as never before in the freedom it symbolizes.

I have just returned from one of the great camps, Camp Sherman in Ohio, where forty thousand men are undergoing discipline, privations, and physical dangers that cause our amazement at what one sees of strength, courage and self-sacrifice of mankind. Men who have voluntarily left luxurious homes, have laid down brilliant professional or successful business careers, and faced the yet harder renunciation of the home, are magnificently submitting to the strenuous discipline that makes the strong soldier.

First of all they learn to obey. A successful commander in any walk of life, who has never learned the lesson

of obedience—does not exist. If this war brings a period of universal service for our boys with its lessons of prompt, unquestioning obedience, there will be a standard of manhood in this freeborn Republic, such as the world has never seen. Already the American is looked upon in Europe as a type of manhood that commands their wondering respect. We shall have yet finer results. Our brave boys from Old Gould's "over there" will prove that our expectations are not baseless.

A Captain of a Battery recently told me that the change in men after a few months of training was wonderful. Minds as well as bodies take on new capacities in many directions; and surely the soldiers that thronged the streets of Chillicothe were grand specimens of manly alertness and vigor. All this improvement is based upon one great principle—obedience. It is whispered that one great battle was lost to the Allies by an officer's failure to obey orders. Bitter indeed will be his cup of life-long humiliation.

You have heard much of "preparedness" during these days of war. This school is rightfully called a preparatory school. It is not only making students ready for college but for life. In this school are some necessary laws. To obey them is to lay a secure foundation for your futures, and the central thought for your consideration in this talk to you today, as students of Gould's Academy, is to emphasize the necessity of recognizing that the basic principle of all real success in life is obedience.

He who will not obey the law of right as given him by parents and teachers, will find it very difficult to obey Him who writes his laws upon the hearts of men.

Millions of men, the rich and powerful as well as the poor and unknown, are living under this great law of Obedience. Not only in the strenuous daily drill in camp or on the dreaded firing line are men obeying laws, but there are also those who are pouring out money like water to give those fighting for this and other countries the power to carry on this struggle, and in this way are also magnificently obeying. Hundreds of thousands of women have obeyed the call for help.

This little village has a record of service that astonishes all who hear its story. But when one hears the false note of the Pacific struck, that has, it is said, already cost a million lives, with its pernicious doctrine as to non-resistance to evil, read the stories following the Master, whose standards none can question, treated wrongdoings with greatest indignation and severity. There is an old legend wherein one in speaking of Christ said, "His rebuke was fearful." Christ never rebuked evil done to himself, but to the wronged widow and the orphan, the sick and the poor; and when God's name was profaned by "gratification" he did not hesitate to use force to bring right into being, and to destroy might!

We can safely follow the great Captain! Had his light been recognized and followed this world would not now be standing through a dreadful night. We obey Him when we resist evil. While thinking thus for you to this little address the terrible Halifax disaster has shocked us almost into despair. Now such consequences following hard upon some one's wrongdoing! Remember in this terrible clasp of suffering was the carelessness of perhaps only one human being, no doubt losing his life with the others he has murdered.

Someone failed in obedience! Fidelity to duty, faithfulness to responsibility, would have saved all this suffering. That it was not the work of an enemy's hand makes this overwhelming disaster less terrible to the imagination, but gives one a sense of despair that with such tremendous forces of nature which Man has wrested from God's universe, there should not have been also provided, by man, safeguards that would make such a calamity impossible.

The only gleam of light in this dark hour is the magnificent ability and generosity shown by the quick acting Commonwealths under their strong leaders; but the pitiful human suffering makes our hearts ache as we realize our inability to lift the load.

Starr King had a thought that has lived—and must therefore be true. When a great steamship went down in the Golden Gate of California many years ago and three hundred and fifty women and children were drowned, this spiritually-developed preacher said these words which have stood with a new hope many a soul when shocked by sudden seemingly untimely deaths. These are the words, full of meaning: "God must have something very valuable for the soul of man further on to appear to be so reckless of human life here on this earth"; and we add that it may be one of our great sorrows in the new life to come, to find, as one has said, "That length of breath is not God's greatest gift to man."

And now from the turmoil and misery around us we quietly turn to what has called on here together today—the observance of the birthday of one whom we longingly bring to our grateful remembrance; and once more to hear with tender reverence the name of Morris Pratt.

For years we have consecrated this hour to thoughts of him.

The generous devotion to his living memory by his parents has blessed hundreds of pupils in this school. But for what this dear name has been to us Gould's Academy would not be what it is today. Morris Pratt fought and won life's battle in earlier years than falls to most of us, and in the beautiful freedom from the sorrow that now envelops our world he is blessedly spared the sufferings we now are meeting.

In the stately Brooklyn home his portrait hangs in the hall, and it is a beautiful custom of the family to turn the lights upon this fine and dearly-loved face, as the household wakens to life.

A most inspiring thought of one who dwells in Light Ineffable.

Well we know that were Morris Pratt living and in health today, there would be four, instead of three, stars in the service flag that floats with the Stars and Stripes from his father's house. No one doubts but he would also have quickly entered this great struggle, and his lips would have smiled as bravely as when he bore his earthly sufferings without a murmur.

Today his younger brother has left the beautiful home of his parents, the life of the scholar, the musician, a life of refined and quiet tastes, and hard-earned of all has parted with a young wife whose happiness has been all too brief, and with Morris' smiling lips and brave eyes, has gone to face the urge of his honorable soul. He has obeyed.

I well know how wishes for his safe return are rising in your hearts.

For the knowledge of noble lives like these, the immortal and the living, we are inspired to hold fast to our belief that the good is unchanging and eternal. In this great earthly crisis we respond to what is real, though invisible. We all truly live, in this experience of hearing and suffering, in the measure in which we answer the great call from God and his Christ—for magnificent Obedience!

In introducing Hon. W. W. Thomas, Principal Hancocm said:

It was my privilege last evening to listen to that masterly address in Odeon Hall by Hon. William W. Thomas, world diplomat. In his introduction he paid a glowing tribute to three of Bethel's honored sons, his classmates in Bowdoin College, graduates of Gould's Academy, pupils of the late Dr. True.

In his address he explained, as no other man in the world could have explained, the reasons why Norway, Sweden and Denmark will never become allies of Germany, but will remain neutral to the end of this great world war. In his modesty he did not tell us that to his influence, more than to that of any other one person, and more than to any other contributing cause, is due the close friendship that exists between Sweden and the United States.

When he told us of the great white cattle ship that carried the body of John Erickson back to his native land, he did not tell us that it was he who made the great speech, delivering to the King and people of Sweden the body of the great Swedish American. Nor did he tell us that at the unveiling of the Erickson monument at Stockholm in 1903, it was he who delivered the oration in the Swedish language before Swedish royalty, Court Cabinet and 25,000 people, and that for this he was publicly thanked by the Crown Prince of Norway and Sweden.

It is in this modest, unassuming man, and I would have these young people ever remember that modesty and simplicity are the most distinguishing characteristics of true greatness—who has honored us with his presence this afternoon. He has very generously consented to speak briefly to these young people, and it gives me great pleasure to introduce to them Hon. William W. Thomas.

Mr. Thomas' address was replete with the wisdom garnered from a lifetime of distinguished public service and unusual experiences. His spontaneous enthusiasm of humor captivated the young people, and gave to his more serious words an added potency and force. In closing he gave the pupils four splendid maxims as the essence of his address:

Be efficient.  
Grasp your opportunity.  
Do more than your duty.  
Always do the hardest thing first.

## SHORT COURSES IN AGRICULTURE

To Be Given By The University of Maine College of Agriculture Jan. 1 to 26, 1918.

Farmers throughout the state are urged to make the month of January, 1918, a school month. The College of Agriculture has arranged to give a short course in Agriculture from Jan. 1 to Jan. 25. In order that classes may start promptly Tuesday morning at 8 A. M. registration will be held in Winslow Hall, Dec. 31, from 1:30 to 3:30 P. M. This course covers a short period and the work has been very much concentrated. It is planned particularly to meet the needs of the man or woman who cannot devote the time to the full two or four year course; and, this year,

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For Bulletin describing the short course write to Leon B. Merrill, Dean, College of Agriculture, University of Maine, Orono, Maine.

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to the house for some time by injuries to his foot received by a misstep in his basement.

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Dr. E. A. Sheehy is the Rumford dentist who has been appointed to a position on the medical advisory board of Maine recently appointed by Governor Milliken.

Miss Mary Murray, a student at the Farmington Normal School, is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Rowe for the holiday recess.

The Misses Adrienne and Eglantine Bellevue, teachers in Rumford, are spending their vacation at their home in Lewiston, having been able to leave Friday afternoon, as the storm on that day closed the schools for the entire day.

Mrs. Ella Chase and little son of Wilton will spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Annie Colburn Holmquist. Miss Isora Colburn will also be a guest of Mrs. Holmquist.

Masters Maxwell and Sidney Wakely, who are at present living with relatives in Clinton, are in town to spend the Christmas vacation with their father, E. A. Wakely.

Mrs. Cameron returned Monday to her home at Old Orchard after being a guest for a week of her cousins, J. B. Stevenson and family.

## NEW FEDERAL INCOME TAX.

Government to Send Out Men to Help Make Out Blanks.

You won't have to figure out your own income tax all by yourself hereafter. The government is going to send out men to help you. It will be up to you to hunt up these men, who will be sent into every county seat town, and some other towns besides, to meet the people. Postmasters, bankers and newspapermen will be able to tell you when the government's income tax men will be around, and where to find him. He will answer your questions, swear you to the return, take your money, and remove the wrinkles from your brow. Returns of income for 1917 must be made between January 1 and March 1, 1918.

"The Government recognizes," Collector of Internal Revenue Beth W. Jones said recently, "that many persons experience a good deal of difficulty in filling out income tax blanks. It recognizes too, that taxpayers resident at points where collector's offices are not easily accessible and it hard to get proper instruction in the law. Next year, when every married person living with wife or husband and having a net income of \$2,000, and every person unmarried not the head of a family and having a net income of \$1,000 for the year 1917 must make return of income on the form prescribed, there will be hundreds in every community seeking light on the law, and help in executing their returns. My own and every other collection district in the nation will be divided into districts, with the county as the unit, and a government officer informed in the income tax assigned to each district. He will spend hardly less than a week in each county, and in some counties a longer time, very likely in the courthouse at the county seat town. In cities where there are collector's branch offices, he will be there, and in other cities possibly at the city hall. My office will in due time advise postmasters and bankers and send out notices to the newspapers stating when the officer will be in each county. It will be unnecessary for prospective taxpayers to ask my office for forms on which to make returns. The officer who visits their county will have them.

"It may be stated as a matter of general information that net income is the remainder after subtracting ex-

## ANDOVER

Mrs. Abbie Poor left town Monday for Portland, where she will spend the winter.

The high school closed Friday for a two weeks' vacation. Mr. Brown, the principal, returned to his home at Isl- and Falls, Monday.

John Howey and son, Ralph, are at home from Farmington Lake.

Sidney Abbott, who has been ill, is improving.

Vivian Learned has returned from Andover Surplus, where she has been assisting Mrs. Bert Dunn.

There will be a Christmas tree and Sunday school concert at the Congregational church, Tuesday evening, Dec. 24th.

Lawrence Parsons is working in the woods for Edward Abbott.

Mr. and Mrs. James Littlehale are attending State Grange at Lewiston this week.

Arthur Archibald, who has been working at Grafton, returned to his home in Lynn, Monday.

A foot of snow fell Friday accompanied by a high wind which soon made the roads almost impassable. Sunday and Monday the road commissioner had men and teams out working.

The Ladies' Aid held a business meeting at the home of Mrs. Ralph Thurston, Wednesday afternoon.

Bert Berry is clerking for Lee Thurston at Black Brook.

Lene Mountain Grange will hold its last meeting for the year Saturday, Dec. 22. The dinner committee are Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Akers, Mr. and Mrs. Holton Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Crossman, and Mrs. Lillian Marston.

Francis Crossman, who has been in Portland receiving medical treatment, has returned home.

John Zale of Rumford was in town, Saturday.

George Thomas, who is ill at the Eye and Ear Infirmary, Portland, is gaining.

Mrs. Lawrence Parsons and baby are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Akers.

John French, Jr., has gone to Bath, Me., where he is employed by the government in the ship building department.

The following officers of Ellis Glen Temple, Pythian Sisters, were elected Monday evening, Dec. 10th:

P. C.—Margaret Hall.  
M. E. C.—Hortense Newton.  
M. E.—Vine Mills.  
E. J.—Irene Bodwell.  
M.—Lillian Small.  
P.—Carrie Morton.  
G.—Mary Noble.  
M. B.—Nellie Leslie.  
M. of F.—Katherine McAllister.  
Financial—Margery Thomas.

Installing Officer—Myrtle Learned.  
Grand Representative—Lois Harris.  
Alternate—Katherine McAllister.  
Dr. P. E. Leslie, who spent Thanksgiving at his home, is now in government service in Mississippi.

Y. A. Thurston and Reges Thurston attended the funeral of Jacob Thurston at Bethel, Wednesday.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Merrill are ill with the measles.

penalties from gross income. Personal, family, or living expense is not expense in the meaning of the law, the exemption being allowed to cover such expenses.

"The new exemptions of \$1,000 and \$2,000 will add tens of thousands to the number of income taxpayers in this district, inasmuch as practically every farmer, merchant, tradesman, professional man and salary worker and a great many wage workers will be required to make return and pay tax.

"The law makes it the duty of the taxpayer to seek out the collector. Many people assume that if an income tax form is not sent, or a government officer does not call, they are relieved from making report. This is decidedly in error. It is the other way round. The taxpayer has to go to the government and if he doesn't within the time prescribed, he is a violator of the law, and the government will go to him with its penalties."

Beth W. Jones, Collector of Internal Revenue, Portsmouth, N. H., is Collector of the District of New Hampshire, which comprises the States of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

## OLEAD

G. B. Leighton had a car load of new horses arrive last week.

Larry Lester was a recent visitor in Bethel, N. H.

Mrs. Jennie Hutchins and Mrs. Edna Upham of West Bethel were in town last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Monahan of Bethel, N. H., arrived in town the first of the week to spend the winter.

The village school closed last Friday for the winter vacation.

B. C. Brett of Auburn was in this vicinity last Tuesday.

Lawrence Whiteher and family returned to their home in Bethel, N. H., last Friday, after spending the summer here.

Printing of all kinds done in a prompt and satisfactory manner.

## GRANGE NEWS.

Continued from page 1.

Secretary—Ida Packard.  
Gate Keeper—Sidney Jordrey.  
Cores—Ella Cummings.  
Pomona—Eva Hapgood.  
Flora—Clara Grover.  
L. A. Steward—Cassandra Cole.  
Pianist—Florence Upton.

## NORWAY GRANGE.

The following is the program for the meeting of Dec. 22:

Opening Song, America.  
Piano Solo, Adeline DeCoster.  
Song, "Old Glory," All.  
Christmas Recollections, General response.

Special Feature, in charge of Algio Crooker.

Topic, Joint ownership of expensive machinery for small farms; benefits, and drawbacks, Discussion led by Arthur Buck.

Paper, What constitutes a good course in home economics? Mrs. Grace Dunn. Five minute talks on the work of the year.

Closing Song, The Grange Is Marching On.

The third and fourth degrees will be conferred on waiting candidates at this meeting.

Oxford Pomona Grange meets with Norway Grange, Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1918.

## PARIS GRANGE.

Paris Grange was called to order by Worthy Master Dudley at 1.30 p. m., Saturday, Dec. 15. All but three of the regular officers were present. On account of the small attendance Sisters Day was postponed until next meeting.

Jan. 15, when the Sisters will have full away in the afternoon. The Grange will meet at 10.30 a. m. After the regular routine of business the officers for the ensuing year will be installed, followed by dinner and afternoon exercises. Committee on Grange Sale reported a net proceeds of \$32.33. The following was the program which was carried out:

Song, Star Spangled Banner.  
Reading, Mary S. Cummings.  
Piano Solo, encore, Mary Cummings.  
Reading the list of names of those who had earned a dollar to help pay the Grange debt, 42 have already paid.

Reading, Iona Littlehale.  
Clipping on Food Conservation.

W. C. Thayer.  
Song, Lucy Edwards.  
Duet, Sisters Mason and Edwards.  
Sister Kate Hammond was reported sick.

## FOR CHRISTMAS

Japanese Novelties

Direct from Japan in many curious and useful designs.

## Flags

In large and small sizes.

## Neckwear

For men, women and children. A fine assortment to choose from.

## Ladies' Goods

Bags, Aprons, Handkerchiefs, Silk Shirt Waists, Dress Patterns, House Dresses, Underwear.

## Hardware

## Department

Snow Shoes, Skates, Skis, Sleds, Jackknives, Safety Razors, Carving Sets and many other useful articles.

We can fit you out from tip to toe and a serviceable present is always acceptable.

Carver's  
10 BROAD STREET

## POULTRY-HOUSE FLOORS.

Earth, Cement, or Wood May Be Used—Comparative Advantages and Disadvantages of Each.

Poultry-house floors are usually made of either earth, wood, or cement. Where the soil is light and well drained the use of earth floors gives economy in construction and investment, and a more comfortable house. Where the drainage is not good, and on heavy soils, especially those containing much clay, floors of wood or cement are generally preferred.

Each kind of floor has its advantages and disadvantages, consideration of which will often lead a poultry keeper to use a different kind of floor from that which is generally constructed in his locality.

Earth Floors.

A floor of earth needs to be renewed at least once a year. If the droppings that fall upon the floor are carefully removed at frequent intervals, much of the earth is removed with them. If the regular cleaning of the floor is superficial, the earth of the floor to a depth of several inches becomes mixed with droppings that its condition is very insanitary.

When the poultry keeper has a garden, the manure obtained by removing the earth floor of the poultry house will compensate for the labor of renewing the floor, and the new earth required can be taken from a convenient spot on his own land. When the poultry keeper must pay some one else to take away the old earth and bring in new, the cost will in a few years exceed the cost of a cement floor.

Cement Floors.

The principal fault of a cement floor is that it is likely to be cold and damp. These conditions may be corrected by covering the floor to a depth of an inch or two with dry earth or sand, using over this scratching litter of straw or wood shavings. Floors so treated require as much routine work to keep them in good order as earth floors, but the supply of clean earth required is much less and the work of annual renovation is eliminated.

Wood Floors.

Floors of wood are not now much used in poultry houses except when the space under the floor is high enough to

## COTTAGE STUDIO NOTES

Our first Christmas suggestion is to come at once for the portrait you want to send your soldiers.

We have for their use nice leather pocket cases for one, two or three photos.

We are making Photos this Christmas at our regular prices. That an advance in price will be necessary at no far distant date seems probable.

We are issuing Portrait Gift Certificates which should solve some of your shopping problems. Give one at Christmas for a present to the father or mother, husband or wife, that keep neglecting the portrait you want of them.

be occupied by poultry. A wooden floor close to the ground soon rots, while any space under a floor not high enough to be used for poultry makes a harbor for rats and other vermin.

The wooden floors of a poultry house should have a light coating of dry earth, sand, chaff, or similar material to prevent the droppings of the birds from sticking to and saturating the boards.

## RAGS WANTED.

Will pay 3 cents per pound for clean rags suitable for wiping presses. CITIZEN OFFICE.

## BARRED ROCK PULLETS

WANTED—State age and price. CITIZEN OFFICE.



## Have You Ever Met Prudence?

Of all the charming, sweet girls you have ever met there is none with the fascination and freshness of this young lady. If you read "Prudence of the Parsonage" the vivaciousness of her character lingers with you, and you will be glad to learn that she makes her reappearance in our new serial.

## Prudence Says So

By ETHEL HUESTON

Fairy, the twins and even little Connie are all growing up now and having love affairs of their own. But they still get into occasional scraps that will make you smile and chuckle.

## If You Never Met Prudence Make Her Acquaintance Now in OUR NEW SERIAL

You will be glad that you did. Watch for and Read the Opening Installment.



## POEMS WORTH READING

**CHRISTMAS ACROSS THE SEA.**  
To the little children in all lands  
Whoever you may be,  
Americans stretch loving hands  
Across the miles of sea.

You may be hungry, homeless, cold,  
And fatherless, and sad;  
Then how can we, across the sea,  
Forget you and be glad?

You are our little brothers dear;  
Our sisters, dark and fair;  
We long with you some Christmas cheer,  
Some happiness to share!

We call to you a loving word,  
We make a prayer for you,  
Shall not the children's prayer be heard?  
Will not our hope prove true?

Oh, may the Christmas bells soon ring  
With news that was most glad;  
Oh, may the blessed season bring  
The Christmas gift of peace!

**A CHRISTMAS PRAYER.**  
By Frederic T. Carleton.  
Most gracious Lord, forbid the sword  
And delude each gleaming blade;  
Be it thy will, O Lord, to still  
Each deadly cannonade.  
The straying sheep seek out and keep,  
The blundering wars retire,  
That we may meet, for peace appeal,  
Upon this Christmas Eve.

The winter frost, December's ghost,  
The agonized tale has spread  
Across the world, each clime and wood,  
How the oppressed and dead  
From out the gloom of sorrow  
The women's message tells,  
From cruel threats, where hatred  
Is the heart of Christmas bells.

The weary home, the full white moon,  
Which clouds seem cancel,  
Reflects the light, with silver light  
Of each stern gun of steel.  
It shines the plain where in the slain,  
Confused yet serene,  
In garments rare that spirit wear,  
Translucent sheets of sheen.

For deaf the ears of kings and peers  
To sorrow and despair,  
And soon still pray to gods of clay,  
Entrapped, like beasts in lairs,  
With over earth the heavens' birth  
Is heralded once more,  
From plumed to stormy sea,  
From sword to shattered shore.

Though peace on earth reigns at his birth,  
In Israel's city then,  
And safe and full of good will  
From him toward all men,  
Toward the breath of hate and death  
Is breathed from many a soul,  
Each watched from group and soldier troop  
His slaughter for its goal.

With upraised arm, still each alarm  
Which shall stand above,  
And then the age of war's fell rage  
Furns way to brother's love;  
And to the night of battle's fight  
That wages day by day  
And that each race with radiant face  
And new clasp hands, away.

**THE GIFT DIVINE.**  
By Wm. Bradford Dickson.  
At this fair Christmas tide,  
When joy is full and true,  
The song of peace and love  
The sign of peace throughout  
The world's a head of state—  
The while across the sea,  
The while across the sea,  
The while across the sea.

And love and courage reign supreme;  
While children wait for milk  
And children wait for milk  
While strong men fall inside the way  
And children wait for milk  
I do not ask for gifts  
Of frankincense and myrrh,  
Of gold, of spices or of other kind,  
Of costly robes or precious stones,  
Of costly robes or precious stones,  
Of costly robes or precious stones,  
Of costly robes or precious stones.

That I may give each day full heed  
To the willing word and heart,  
Of light of truth and warmth of love,  
Of warmth of love and warmth of love,  
Of warmth of love and warmth of love,  
Of warmth of love and warmth of love,  
Of warmth of love and warmth of love,  
Of warmth of love and warmth of love.

**Always Have PERUNA**  
Mrs. J. A. Patterson, 1895 Kentucky  
St. Louis, Missouri, writes:  
"I have been a friend of Peruna  
for many years. I have used it all  
the way through my life. It is a  
very excellent remedy. I have  
a small family of children.  
They are all well, but I am  
sincerely attached to the old Peruna  
and, especially during the season of  
the year when coughs and colds  
are prevalent, we always have  
Peruna in our household, for  
the benefit it has done to us."

That I may bid earth's broken hearts,  
Lifting up the drooping heads,  
That I may plant within young hearts  
A deeper longing for the Right—  
Of mercy for the helpless weak  
And those who suffer daily throes  
Of hunger, pain, disease, neglect;  
That I may know forgetfulness  
For daily aches and wrongs;  
That I may hourly grow  
In love of liberty, of friend and foe,  
And all the world  
May grow in love—a fruitful love  
For all the beauty and true  
In nature, art, the heavenly realm  
And for the noble deeds of all mankind;  
That I may all the widening hours of  
life  
With courage, cheerfulness, and hope;  
That I may help my fellow man  
Behold the dawn beyond the night.  
The gentle calm beyond the storm.  
These are the gifts I crave  
Above the blind world's treasure trove  
Of gold and gilt.

Who gives his better self the whole  
year through  
Gives life's own priceless gift to all  
the world and you—the gift di-  
vine.  
—Chicago Evening Post.

**NORTH HARTFORD**  
Henry Davenport of Haverhill was a  
guest of his brother, John, Wednesday.  
Wesley Pollock and Charlie Russell  
have each shot a deer.  
Willie Garman has the measles.  
Robert Dugg and family have moved  
to Leeds.  
Leon Conant is working for Walter  
Farrar.  
School opened Monday, Dec. 19 at  
Tyler Corner, William Davenport being  
the teacher.  
Charles Frank Graham is very low at  
the writing. He is 93 years old this  
January.

The visitors at J. V. Davenport's re-  
cently were: Napoleon Bonaparte and  
son, Henry, of Helson, and Clarence  
Barkham of Haverhill.  
Walter Farrar bought a genuine  
steer of J. Davenport.

**NOTICE.**  
The subscriber hereby gives notice  
that she has been duly appointed ex-  
ecutrix of the last will and testament  
of Adeline L. Andrews late of Bethel  
in the County of Oxford, deceased. All  
persons having demands against the es-  
tate of said deceased are desired to pre-  
sent the same for settlement, and all  
debts thereto are requested to make  
payment immediately.

BESSIE E. BISHOP,  
New Bedford, Mass.  
H. H. HASTINGS, Agent,  
Bethel, Maine.  
November 20th, 1917. 12-6-17

**THE HICKS 1918 ALMANAC**  
For more than twenty-five years the  
Hicks Almanac has had a world-wide  
reputation. The 1918 Almanac has been  
prepared by H. H. Hicks, Jr., assisted  
by Rev. John B. Noyes, for many years  
the assistant editor associated with  
Rev. H. H. Hicks. Bigger, brighter,  
better than ever is a concise descrip-  
tion of the 1918 Almanac. It is now  
ready and is sold as before for 10  
cents postpaid. Word and Work is the  
name of the monthly family magazine  
founded by Rev. H. H. Hicks. The sub-  
scription price is \$1.00 a year, includ-  
ing a copy of The Hicks Almanac to  
the subscriber. Send 5 cents for a sam-  
ple copy. Write Word and Work Pub-  
lishing Co., 2101 Franklin Ave., St.  
Louis, Mo.—Advs.

**EAST PERU**  
Schools in town have closed for a  
vacation of two weeks.  
P. K. CHAM, who has been suffering  
from an abscess, is convalescent.  
Rivend Kidder is working at Dick-  
son for W. J. Bryant.  
Ralph Bennett is hauling boards from  
Black Mountain to East Peru.  
About three feet of snow in this vic-  
inity and very cold for the season.  
Thermometers registering from zero to  
24 below.  
Fred Luce was home from Dick-  
son over Sunday.  
The measles have been quite preva-  
lent in the vicinity but no new cases  
are reported.  
Miss Sybil Amos, teacher at the  
Wardley Pond school, is spending the  
Christmas vacation at her home in Mil-  
ford, N. H.  
M. H. Graham is shipping dry cord  
wood to the Lewiston market.

**For Coughs and Colds in the Home. Recommend it to Our Neighbors.**  
Those who object to liquid medi-  
cine can procure Peruna Tablets.

## THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

## Events of Interest From Washington

By J. E. Jones

## "WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SERVE ME?"

In his annual report Secretary of the Interior, Franklin K. Lane, refers to what he calls "the directness and the fullness of this challenge that gives war its spell and likewise gives birth to its horrors."

"What can you do to serve me?" The Secretary replies: "That question each individual and each department of the Government must give answer." For his own department he says that every agency and every activity that could be possibly used was speeded up to its fullest degree of efficiency.

The reports of many of the Govern-  
ment departments are records of mar-  
velous achievements, and the Interior  
Department is entitled to full credit for  
the part it has performed in reshaping  
our internal affairs. Mr. Lane says that  
"We have during the past year, had a  
glance of the expanding resources of  
chemical study." He points out that  
the increase in the capital invested in  
chemical industries jumped from \$65,  
000,000 in 1915 to \$22,244,000 in 1916,  
and up to September 1917, \$25,261,000  
over the preceding year.

Strangely enough it appears to have  
been accepted almost as an absolute  
conclusion that the United States could  
not make artificial colors and dyes. But  
the manufacturers of the United States  
are now represented by over ninety en-  
terprises, each making special colors,  
and one hundred concerns making  
various and intermediate. Sulphuric  
acid has doubled in production. By  
product coloring doubled its capacity in  
the last three years. Gasoline produc-  
tion has increased from 35,000,000 to  
70,000,000 barrels per annum since 1914.

Potash production, another specialty of  
Germany, is making real headway in  
the United States, and although the  
production is small, sodium salts have  
been substituted for almost all purposes  
except agriculture. Substitutes for  
German nitrates have been developed  
to such an extent that it is now possible  
to produce our munitions independent  
of that country, if necessary. The manu-  
facture of all metals, iron, zinc, copper,  
aluminum, tin, mercury, etc., and their  
alloys, have increased to meet the coun-  
try's need.

These are but a few instances of our  
chemical progress. Our further advance  
in national development is indicated by  
the fact that we have now sold America  
that it must "know itself." Mr. Lane  
defines this policy as sound American  
ism, and in this aggressive conviction and  
knowledge of our principles, and coun-  
try's worth, we have made an apprais-  
ment, which in the language of the Sec-  
retary has led to the conviction that  
"in all the domains of this great coun-  
try extending from the semitropics  
across the deserts, and most forbidding  
wastes into the far Arctic, we have  
come to believe that there is no land  
that is entirely useless."

**A DEMOCRACY AT WAR.**  
Secretary Lane once his position in  
American public life to distinction that  
he was in his profession as a newspaper  
man. In his every day work he has the  
happy faculty of calibrating the dull re-  
cital of Government affairs with bright,  
sparkling gems of literature. Perhaps  
the finest tribute ever paid to "Old  
Bluff" was Mr. Lane's Flag Day  
speech in 1914. The name "punch" and  
excellent choice of words that charac-  
terized the famous tribute to the "Mak-  
ers of the Flag" is to be found in the  
Secretary's words concerning our coun-  
try's part in the world's conflict.

"A democracy making war is never  
an agreeable sight, for it is not in its  
normal line of life," says Mr. Lane.  
"And those who enter or fear because  
it does not play the game as well as  
might be, pay an unnecessary com-  
mitment to the merits of free institutions."  
It takes time to accustom men to the  
short, hard words of command, and to  
the surrender of personal liberty. It is  
not easy, either, for a nation to turn  
its back upon the conception of a world  
where justice works out its ends by  
quiet processes, and in its stand com-  
mitment to the stern belief that the ultimate  
court is a battle field. No if there is  
wrangling and side-slipping and con-  
fusion there should be no surprise. The  
surprise to me has been with what com-  
parative ease the transition has been  
made and how much unnecessary prepa-  
ration for the new work had already  
been made. Now, that our problem is  
to produce more than ever before, it is  
clear to be seen that the physical re-  
sources of the United States are today  
almost completely at the demand of the  
world's need."

**VIVID WAR STORIES.**  
Congressman Johnson and Bill of  
Washington, gave a vivid account of  
their experiences in the battle fields of  
France, in a body of newspaper men a  
few evenings ago. The Congressmen  
were taken into the first line of trench  
and one of them described the pres-  
ence to the enemy as "about the dis-  
tance between second base and the

**WILLIAM TELL FLOUR**

**"Now, dolly, don't you forget!  
Do all your baking with  
WILLIAM TELL FLOUR"  
DAISY BAKER**

home plate." The enemy discovered  
their presence, and the legislators were  
under fire, and mightily lucky not to  
have been killed.  
Mr. Dill drew a realistic picture of  
the scenes along the battle fronts. He  
told how the Congressional party trav-  
eled for hundreds of miles, and that they  
found the glamour of war absolutely  
missing. "I did not hear a hand play,  
nor see a flag; neither did I see a  
Frenchman smile," he said. He relat-  
ed how he had asked the question in  
France: "Where are your young men?"  
The answer was: "Our boys of  
twenty-one look as though they were  
thirty, and the men of thirty look as  
though they were fifty."

"The shadow of the funeral is on  
every woman in France," observed  
Mr. Dill; "but in our travels by day  
and night, whenever we reached a gate-  
way or a bridge that had to be opened,  
the attendant was always a woman."  
"The women," he added, "are bearing  
the burdens of the war, and in all  
France there is not a person who has  
any thought of giving up the struggle.  
The French fight always," he said;  
and notwithstanding his belief that the  
Nation has reached its highest point  
of fighting efficiency, and is in a weak-  
ened condition, to continue the struggle  
until Germany is defeated, is an strong  
determination now, as in the begin-  
ning.

**THE RETURN OF CONGRESS.**  
It is a mighty good thing for Con-  
gressmen to go home occasionally.  
When the adjournment was had several  
weeks ago there was a feeling that  
many of the members had grown out  
of touch with their constituency. But  
now it is different. More than five hun-  
dred men in the two branches of Con-  
gress have been "feeling the pulse"  
of the people; and they are back on  
the job in the Capitol. One of them ex-  
pressed the condition in the lawmaking  
branch of the Government, as repre-  
senting the "solidarity of the people,  
which if it were ever in question at all,  
is beyond question now."

"As President Wilson  
represents it is going before Congress,  
so may lead, but he will have no need  
to urge." There you have the whole  
situation in a nutshell, and it is cer-  
tainly stated, at least as far as the sen-  
timent of the members is concerned.  
They, at least believe that the Pres-  
ident is entirely in the right in his pol-  
icy, and they propose to follow him, at  
least in every detail, "till the boys  
come home."

## WOOD ASHES A VALUABLE FARM ASSET.

They contain lime, potash and phos-  
phoric acid.  
Wood contains about 4 per cent ash  
and bark contains from 2 to 3 per cent  
of ash. Good merchantable cord wood  
carries about one per cent of ash. Wood  
from hickory has relatively more bark

and higher ash content. Wood ashes  
vary in composition with the kind of  
wood but on the average good hard  
wood ashes carry about 50 per cent of  
lime, 8 per cent of potash and one per  
cent of insoluble phosphoric acid. The  
ashes from a cord of good hard wood  
will carry about 20 pounds of lime,  
more than 2 pounds of potash and about  
a half a pound of phosphoric acid. At  
present market prices these are worth  
rather more than a dollar. A cord of  
hard wood would furnish more ashes  
and have a higher value. Taking the  
potash shortage into account coupled  
with the fact that on some soils and  
with some crops potash is the limiting  
factor in plant growth and crop produc-  
tion the agricultural value of potash  
may greatly exceed its monetary value.  
Potash is volatile at a not very high  
temperature so that in the case of fires  
that are pushed so as to make a hot  
fire there is always some loss of potash.  
For this reason ashes from a fire place  
or from a wood furnace used for house  
heating will usually carry more potash  
than cook stove ashes and far more  
than furnace ashes from mill boilers.  
As potash is water soluble ashes must  
be stored in a dry place protected from  
rain in order to be of the highest value.  
Most of the wood ashes of commerce  
have been exposed to the elements and  
have thus lost quite a part of their  
value. Ashes come under the fertilizer  
law and one should purchase car lots  
of ashes only under a definite guaranty  
for potash and lime. Some ashes sold  
in Maine in car lots in 1917 as un-  
leached ashes carried less than 2 per  
cent of potash. These were wet and  
either had been exposed to rain or were  
leached ashes.

The potash in ashes is the form of  
potassium carbonate. Ashes are strong-  
ly alkaline. This tends to make land  
to which ashes are applied alkaline. As  
alkaline soils are favorable to growth  
of the fungus that causes potato scab,  
under normal conditions the use of ash-  
es for growing potatoes has been dis-  
couraged. But potatoes require potash  
for their growth. Healthy potatoes are  
just as nutritious and from a food  
standpoint as valuable as smooth pota-  
toes.

At the present time when the impor-  
tant thing is to grow food one should  
not hesitate to use wood ashes on pota-  
toes when potash in other forms can-  
not be had. For potatoes they should  
be applied broadcast at the rate of  
about 25 bushels per acre. They can be  
put on with some makes of measure  
spreaders but it must be possible to  
regulate the delivery so that they will  
not be applied too heavily.

Ashes have always been a valuable  
farm asset and in these times of war ne-  
cessities are of special importance for  
agriculture. They are just as good on  
the village or suburban garden as on  
the farm. Good ashes carry no plant  
food that is available. They may im-  
prove the mechanical condition of light  
sandy soil but otherwise have no ag-  
ricultural value.

Burn wood for cooking and for warm-  
ing the house. Save the ashes and ap-  
ply them to the soil in which potash re-  
quiring crops are to be grown. This  
will save seed for the industries such as  
manure factories and railroad trans-  
portation of war freight. It will also

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not as satisfactory as it was three  
months ago. Every effort has been  
and is being made by the Fuel Ad-  
ministration to facilitate shipments and  
to secure the economical utilization of  
the coal received.

The fact remains that the outlook for  
improvement in future deliveries for  
New England is unfavorable. It has  
become the duty of the Administration  
to advise the public of these facts and  
to urge that personal and community  
prudence and national patriotism re-  
quire that New England should begin  
at once to utilize as fully as may be  
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ministration has appointed a State Fuel  
Wood Committee for Maine consisting  
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(M. J. Brown)  
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But this isn't to be a mor-  
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that a strike has been made  
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The movies picture these  
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The beans are not boiled  
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meat to eat. In a hot frying  
pan meat will burn on one side  
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A mushing outfit can be no  
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The river towns are the su-  
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variably live along the stream.

So when prospectors start  
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(M. J. Brown)

Alaska, home of the tin can and dog; a waste of snow and ice; the graveyard of ambition; a by-word for hell, home of the famed double-cross. These and hundreds more like them are printed and sung in the North Land. There have been such hardships, such disappointments and such suffering that there are few to find things to sing praises of.

But this isn't to be a moralism. It is rather to tell you of some of the interesting expedients the hardships of the cold land teach those who live with her.

Where the "sour doughs" beat the newcomers to it is on the long prospecting hikes or stampede races to new strikes. Here is where experience counts.

News will come into a Yukon town that a strike has been made far back in the hills and of course that means a race of about everybody in the town who can raise a grub stake or a dog.

The movies picture these men as starting on foot, pulling on their coats as they run, and other rank foolishness. The slowest and best prepared member is the one who will stake first, and the experienced men know it.

So instead of harnessing the dogs and mushing out in ten minutes after the news, the "sour doughs" begin to prepare an outfit, one they can go through on with the least loss of time.

Beans will be boiled before the start. Is a mushing race to a gold strike, the camps are where night finds the men, often where wood is very scarce and where a few twigs must suffice for the fire.

The beans are not boiled soft, just enough to cook them through, then they are spread out and allowed to freeze. After they are frozen they are put in bags and they are as separate as dry beans.

A tenderfoot would boil them and let them freeze solid and the tenderfoot might just as well throw them away and cook fresh ones so far as time saving goes. Try thawing out a bucket of solidly frozen beans—or rather don't try it.

Beans with meat. The old timer will cut his bacon or bear meat into slices, let it freeze solid and then pack it into one package. The "cheechako" will cut it in slices and let it freeze together and he might better have never sliced it, for frozen together they are like a solid chunk of ice.

A trail follower will never let his meat slices freeze together but once, for if he is going fast he will not have any meat to eat. In a hot frying pan frozen meat will burn on one side and be raw on the other.

A mushing outfit can be no stronger than its grub outfit, and this is the main reason why there are thousands of square miles in the big North territory that have never been prospected and thousands of acres that have never had a human foot on them.

The river towns are the supply base—and there are no others. Let a man strike north from the Yukon anywhere to the interior of Alaska and he knows that he will never get another ounce of store provisions until he comes back to that town. Ahead of him are no posts, settlements, supplies or even Indian villages—for the Indians and Eskimos live in the interior along the streams.

So when prospectors start out they must only go as far as half their food supply will carry them—and even this limit is a long chance. When the grub is half exhausted, they must at once turn back, and if on the back trail severe blizzards should stop them, sickness or accident should delay, then the white death would cut again.

So a gold hunter in Alaska is very much like a submariner, he can only get as far from his supply base and live. Many a prospector starts out for a certain locality and he has to beat it back the minute he gets there—or starve.

Terrible blizzards often overtake men on these trips, storms that neither man nor dog can face, and then one must get in and stay in until it is over or die.

The thermometer during mid winter will often go 80 degrees and more below zero, and Alaskan thermometers are made the reverse of state ones, the scale is reversed.

Let a cabin run out of tobacco and the men are more concerned than over a shortage of food. As the supply runs low the partners will declare it is a good time to quit. When it becomes exhausted they will pick up disgruntled packs around the cabin, dry them and smoke them, and when it is all gone, one or perhaps both will risk their lives through long trips over the mountains to the nearest town.

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zero-mark being more than half way up the glass so the mercury will have room enough to run down. In an ordinary thermometer the mercury will run down into the bulb and freeze solid.

In a temperature of 80 degrees below zero no living thing can long endure in the open. Even the hardy bears and wolves hunt holes and remain until the weather moderates. Men long exposed to the awful cold may survive for a time, only to die with lung disease later on. The intense cold breathed in the open freezes or chills the lung lining, and later on the victim will contract bronchitis, pneumonia or quick consumption.

One prospector told me he was caught in a blizzard and remained for five days in an abandoned mining cabin. He said evidently a white woman or squaw had once resided there, for the interior had been clothed and papered with newspapers. And he spent the most of his time reading those walls. He would read up as far as he could see, then stand on the table and read up to the roof, read newspapers that were printed ten years before. He told me that one morning he opened the slide window and threw the dishwasher out and when it struck the ground it was ice. This is a whopper for a man who has never experienced a winter up around the arctic circle, but I will believe any story told in Alaska, when told the first time.

Another miner told me that the extreme cold had forced him and his partner to abandon their thawing fire and wait for warmer weather. One morning he thought to fix a dog sled that was standing just outside the cabin. He reached out to get it and his hand came in contact with the sled shoe. It was frozen to the metal in an instant. The sled was brought inside and his hand released by warming the metal, but he said he had a dangerous sore from the burn.

When the thermometer is far below zero and there is no wind it is astonishing how far sound will carry. The howl of a dog can be heard further than the eye can see, and men can converse more than a mile apart.

Sometimes there is game to be had in the prospecting camps, and sometimes a man might hunt for a month and never see a sign of a bear, caribou or any other animal. Like gold, game is where you find it in Alaska, and it is fully as uncertain as gold.

Every year a large number of crazy men are brought out of Alaska and taken to Portland, Oregon. There is not a town on the Yukon that has not sent out one or many "lugs." Two things are given as the causes for the brain storms, brooding and solitude. And it is rather remarkable that about 90 per cent of these men recover in from six months to two years' treatment in the "lug" sanitarium in Portland.

Many men buy Indian women and marry them, to prevent insanity. "We play cards to hold our brains together until we hate the sight of each other, then we buy wives and separate," explained one miner to me.

Let two men work together and live together day after day, or rather night after night of the long days winter, and after a time they become silent, moose, quarrelsome. They will go for days without hardly a spoken word. The darkness, solitude and cold have a peculiar influence on men. The friend of friends will quarrel over a trifle and be silent for days. One will get mad if his partner talks too much and will fly into a passion if he is poorly and does not talk. They will quarrel over the most unimportant details and often separate over a trifling argument. Anywhere else but in this solitude these men would fight to the last for each other.

And with ice and snow everywhere, the miners of Alaska really suffer for want of water. The only water they have during the winter is snow water, thawed, and this is too often too much trouble for men who work from 15 to 18 hours per day. It is too often too much trouble for men who sit idly in their cabins day after day. Hence it is a fact that men do not drink enough water to be healthy during the long winters, and as for having enough to keep their bodies and their dishes in healthy condition—forget it. There are men in Alaska who haven't had a bath in years.

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When bacon reaches a dollar a pound no prospector can afford it, and but few of the richest of the working claims can.

Some of these days when the war is over and there is an over supply of dirigibles and aeroplanes, Alaska is going to have a thorough searching out in the remote places where white men dare not go now. These days during the summer season will go down the streams of unknown places, and over the mountains to unexplored valleys, and they will be able to carry in enough provisions and supplies to warrant thorough prospecting of these far-back localities—places that absolutely cannot be prospected now for the reason that the outfit cannot carry supplies enough over the trails and roughest of all countries to keep the prospectors eating for a long enough time. The fear of starvation holds many a man back from exploration. He dares not go further for fear that he may not be able to come back, that unforeseen difficulties may delay and he may starve and freeze—and starvation is the one night mare of the Alaskan prospector.

With fliers it will be possible during the summer months to explore the great white wastes on the Alaskan map, to go up beyond the arctic circle to the Arctic ocean, and to prospect every valley and stream. There is no doubt but what there are many strikes as rich as the Klondike waiting for someone to find them, and with air machines making this possible, Alaska will no doubt be thoroughly explored.

War time prices have played the devil with the Yukon river merchants. It with the Yukon river merchants. It with the Yukon river merchants. It with the Yukon river merchants.

These interior towns want to be an independent, or guessed at, months ahead and the goods for the coming winter must be ordered months ahead. This year the excessive prices in the mining camps have forced many of the small concerns, with low grade dirt, to quit, to simply shut down and go outside until the war ends, and prices lower, hence many a store keeper, with the cargo many winter stock on hand, finds there are very few to buy his goods and the bills are coming due. And a recall will be that many a dealer with small capital and credit will go broke.

Next week I will write about Nome—a mining camp that sprang up like a mushroom in the night; a camp that was only equalled by Dawson as the greatest gold producing spot on earth, and a gold city that has "gone bust."

CONDITIONS WHICH INFLUENCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF POWDERY SCAB OF POTATOES.

Soil, Temperature and Moisture are Limiting Factors.

A few years ago powdery scab was a very live topic with Maine potato growers and shippers as well as with growers in other states who depended upon Maine seed. Following the discovery of the disease in Maine in 1915 it became a subject of intensive study in this state both by the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Powdery scab is now known to occur in Maine, New York, Minnesota, Washington and Oregon. A careful survey of the distribution of the disease has shown that in each of these states where it has been found it is confined entirely to those portions which have a relatively cool growing season, associated with abundant rainfall. An extensive series of experiments conducted by the Federal pathologists in 12 different eastern states from Massachusetts to Florida have shown quite conclusively that powdery scab will not develop under the climatic conditions which exist there.

In Maine it has appeared only in Aroostook and certain parts of Penobscot and Washington counties and there is very little reason to think that the infected area is likely to increase materially. In other words the probability of powdery scab ever becoming established in the State of Maine, is slight. Moreover in Aroostook county, where the disease attained its greatest development a few years ago, its prevalence is markedly reduced by unusual climatic conditions.

The season of 1915 and 1916 furnished relatively large amounts of powdery scab but since that time the amount

## WEST PARIS

Rev. Dwight A. Ball will preach at the Universalist church, next Sunday morning.

Rev. H. A. Markley preached at the Universalist church last Sunday morning to a good sized audience.

Dr. F. E. Wheeler left Saturday morning for Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, where he will be stationed for the present. Mrs. Wheeler accompanied him to Portland and returned Monday. A good delegation of friends were at the station Saturday morning to bid God speed to their friend and physician.

News has been received from Samuel W. Dunham who is visiting his daughter in Massachusetts that he is in a hospital for treatment.

The operetta, "Windmills of Holland," will be presented Friday evening, Dec. 21, by the West Paris High school.

Mrs. Will Emery has received news that her father, John Bryant, a veteran at Togus, has suffered a paralytic shock which has disabled one side.

Among those who will attend State Grange at Lewiston are: Mr. and Mrs. Adney B. Tuell, Mrs. Mary Stetson and Freeman L. Wyman.

Alphonse Brown is very ill with pneumonia at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Verrill.

The Advent meeting house on the road leading from Trap Corner to South Woodstock was recently destroyed by fire.

Mrs. S. B. Dunham, who has been visiting in Norway, has returned to Edwin J. Mann's.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Mann were in Lewiston, Tuesday.

James Lapham died from a paralytic shock at Canaan, Vt., last week. He had been working in the woods at Pittsburg, N. H., and not feeling well started for home but was stricken with paralysis while buying a ticket at the Vermont station. He was taken to a hotel and died the next day. The remains were brought to his brother's at Milton Plantation where the funeral services were held. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Olive Estes. Mr. Lapham was a very industrious man. Having worked most of his life for Lewis M. Mann & Son, sometimes at West Paris, Bryant's Pond or Milton Plantation according to conditions.

A union Christmas tree will be held as usual this year. The Methodist church will take the lead, it being their turn, as the Baptist, Universalist and Methodist alternate in taking lead in the union service.

Found in the Aroostook potato crop has declined to almost nothing. Undoubtedly some of this decline is of a temporary nature and due to climatic conditions of individual seasons, but there is reason to believe that the decrease in the amount of powdery scab produced in the infected areas may be made permanent to a greater or less extent, if present methods are followed and improved upon.

Much greater care is now being taken than ever before to select sound, healthy potatoes for planting, and disinfection to prevent the introduction of disease by means of the seed tubers is more generally practiced than in the past. It has been shown that, even in Northern Maine, severe outbreaks of powdery scab are restricted to the wet, poorly drained soils of a definite type, and that the disease is seldom of consequence on the best types of potato land. The fact that potato growers in the infected districts have learned to recognize what types of soil to avoid is without doubt an important factor in reducing the amount of disease in the crop.

In a later number of this series will be given the details of a greenhouse experiment which confirms, under controlled conditions, the conclusions deduced from the more general field observations relative to the effects of variations in soil temperature and moisture upon the development of the disease.

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